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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/660,691 :  
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FOR: OPTICAL FIBER AXIAL :  
ALIGNMENT METHOD AND RELATED  
DEVICE, AND OPTICAL FIBER FUSION  
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DEVICE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.